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houses of legislature down to the most petty corporations.

"We state that whenever the labour of public duty is to be exacted and enforced, the Catholic is sought out and selected;—where honour or rewards are to be dispensed, he is neglected and contemned.

"Where the military and naval strength of the empire is to be recruited, the Catholics are eagerly solicited, gay compelled to bear at least their full share in the perils of warfare and in lowest ranks, but when preferment and promotion (the dear and legitimate prize of successful valour) are to be distributed as rewards of merit, no laurels are destined to grace a Catholic's brow, or fit the wearer for command.

"We state thus generally the grievous condition of the Roman Catholics of Ireland, occasioned solely by the fatal influence and operation of the penal laws, and though we forbear to enter into greater detail, yet we do not the less trust to the influence of reason and justice (which eventually must prevail) for effecting a full and deliberate inquiry into our grievances, and accomplishing our effectual relief.

"We do beg leave however, most solemnly to press upon the attention of this honourable house, the imminent public dangers which necessarily result from so inverted an order of things, and so vicious and unnatural a system of legislation, a system which has long been the reproach of this nation, and is unparalleled throughout modern Christendom.

"And we state it as our fixed opinion, that to restore to the Catholics of Ireland, a full, equal, and unqualified participation of the benefits of the laws and constitution of England, and to withdraw all the privations, restrictions and vexatious distinctions, which oppress, injure, and afflict them in their country, is now become a measure, not merely expedient but absolutely necessary, not only a debt of right due to a complaining people; but, perhaps, the last remaining resource of this empire, in the preservation of which we take so deep an interest.

"We therefore pray this honourable house to take into their most serious consideration, the nature extent, and operation of the aforesaid penal laws, and by repealing the same altogether, to restore to the Roman Catholics of Ireland those

liberties so long withheld, and their due share in that constitution, which they in common with their fellow subjects of every other description contribute by taxes, arms, and industry to sustain and defend.

"And your petitioners will ever pray, &c."

RESOLUTIONS OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

At a meeting of the Roman Catholic Prelates, assembled in Dublin, on the 24th instant, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That it is the undoubted and exclusive right of Roman Catholic Bishops to discuss and decide on all matters appertaining to the doctrine and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church.

2. Resolved, That we do hereby confirm and declare our unaltered adherence to the resolutions unanimously entered into at our last general meeting, on the 14th September 1808.

3. Resolved, That we are convinced that the oath of allegiance framed and proposed by the legislature itself, and taken by us, is not only adequate security for our loyalty, but that we know of no stronger pledge that we can possibly give.

4. Resolved, That having disclaimed upon oath all right in the pope, or any other foreign potentate, to interfere in the temporal concerns of the kingdom, an adherence to the practice observed in the appointment of Irish Roman Catholic Bishops can not tend to produce an undue or mischievous exercise of any foreign influence whatsoever.

5. Resolved, That we neither seek nor desire any other earthly consideration for our spiritual ministry to our respective flocks, save what they may, from a sense of religion and duty, voluntarily afford us.

6. Resolved, That an address explanatory of these our sentiments, be prepared and directed to the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Ireland, and conveying such further instruction as existing circumstances may seem to require.

The explanatory address, containing the resolutions at large, was published (by authority) on Friday March 2d, by H. Fitzpatrick, No. 4, Capel-street, Printer and Bookseller to the R. C. College of Maynooth.

PUBLIC OCCURRENCES.

BRITISH.

Captain Donoran, who has lately travelled 1000 leagues into the interior of justly observes; that he discover

ed no *real* savages, except the Dutch inhabitants of the frontier provinces of the colony; as also appears from the follow-